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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Hoverboard Safety Awareness Day on  
2 October 21, 2017, commemorates the anniversary of the popular  
3 introduction of the hoverboard concept while urging care and  
4 mindfulness in hoverboard use; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 22, 1989, the course of personal  
6 transportation was forever altered by a vision of an October 21,  
7 2015 future that included, among other amazing developments, a  
8 wheel-less skateboard which hovered above the ground; and

9 WHEREAS, The term "hoverboard" is now being applied to  
10 self-balancing scooters, which do not hover and therefore require  
11 the use of roads; and

12 WHEREAS, Self-balancing scooters have posed hazards to  
13 consumers who did not appreciate the care and attention needed to  
14 operate them safely; and

15 WHEREAS, Fires from battery failure and numerous falls have  
16 resulted from hoverboard use, which have led to several deaths,  
17 dozens of serious injuries, and millions of dollars in property  
18 damage across the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, More than five hundred thousand hoverboards were  
20 recalled in 2016 alone due to safety concerns; and

21 WHEREAS, Texas cannot turn its back to the future but must  
22 nonetheless promote safety and responsibility moving forward; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognizes October 21, 2017, as Hoverboard  
2 Safety Awareness Day and encourages all Texans to embrace  
3 hoverboard technology while remaining mindful of the risks and  
4 responsibilities it entails.